



# What's HOT from MOTT

## September 2006

*What's Hot from MOTT is a monthly media publication highlighting events happening throughout the state in the coming month. It is produced by the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism (MOTT), the state agency dedicated to promoting Massachusetts as a leisure destination.*

*A complete list of events, attractions, outdoor activities, and accommodations is available on our web site: [massvacation.com](http://massvacation.com). In addition, we are always available for media interviews regarding Massachusetts tourism. For more information contact Beth White at [beth.white@state.ma.us](mailto:beth.white@state.ma.us) or (617) 973-8508.*

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

- **35<sup>th</sup> Annual Bourne Scallop Festival**

New England's largest scallop festival. Enjoy arts and crafts, specialty foods, entertainment, rides and games and plenty of scallops.

Bourne

September 22-24

508-759-6000

[www.capecodcanalchamber.org](http://www.capecodcanalchamber.org)

- **Essex Clamfest**

Come to the quaint New England fishing village of Essex and enjoy a chowder-tasting competition, arts and crafts, games and entertainment.

Essex

September 23

978-283-1601

[www.capeannvacations.com](http://www.capeannvacations.com)

- **North Quabbin Garlic & Arts Festival, "The Festival That Stinks"**

More than 50 artists, folk, blues, bluegrass musicians, hayrides, children's activities, and garlic products. Children admitted free. Evening entertainment.

Forsters Farm, Orange

September 16-17

978-544-7564

[www.garlicandarts.org](http://www.garlicandarts.org)

- **Rib'n Brews Festival**

Don't miss this opportunity to see the Massachusetts State BBQ Championship. Over 28 contestants from Maine to New York will compete. Also on tap are the best microbrews in New England. For football fans, games will be on in the "pigskin tent." Kids will have a ball too with numerous children's activities.

Lucy Larcom Park, Lowell

September 8-9

800-443-3332

[www.merrimackvalley.org](http://www.merrimackvalley.org)

- **30<sup>th</sup> Annual Corn Festival**

Enjoy this popular farmers market celebrating the cultural heritage of maze; Lots of fun including crafts, hayrides, and children's activities.

South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell

September 16

781-659-2559

[www.ssnc.org](http://www.ssnc.org)

- **Harvest Festival**

A perfect place to pick your own apples; eat your fill at the family barbecue; enjoy live music, hay rides and entertainment; winery tours and tastings.

Nashoba Winery, Bolton

September 9

978-779-5521

[www.nashobawinery.com](http://www.nashobawinery.com)

## **OUTDOOR FUN**

- **Old Deerfield Fall Craft Fair & Quilt Fest**

An award winning show with more than 230 craftspeople from 20 states. Spend some time in the dining tent and take advantage of the free shuttle busses. .

Old Deerfield

September 23-24

413-774-7476

[www.deerfield-craft.org](http://www.deerfield-craft.org)

- **The Big E**

The great New England Fall Festival and the largest fair in New England. Be sure to see the Avenue of the States, Storowtown Village Museum and harvest New England. There's also a big top circus, contests, exhibits, children's activities and much more.

West Springfield

September 15-October 1

413-737-2443

[www.thebige.com](http://www.thebige.com)

- **King Richard's Faire**

Return to Renaissance. A vivid re-creation of a 16<sup>th</sup> century English marketplace at festival time. Spend the day watching court performers, artisans, jousters, royal chefs preparing delectable edibles and so much more. (Weekends and holidays only)

Carver

September 2-October 22

508-866-5391

[www.kingrichardsfaire.net](http://www.kingrichardsfaire.net)

- **Gloucester Schooner Festival**

Enjoy the Mayor's Race for 100' schooners, races for other classes, parade of sail, deck tours, public sails, lighted boat parade, fireworks, and other maritime activities. Sponsored by the Gloucester Schooner Festival Committee and the Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce.

Gloucester

September 1-3

978-283-1601

[www.capeannvacations.com/schooner](http://www.capeannvacations.com/schooner)

- **Brimfield Antiques Show**

Walk the mile-long strip of Rte. 20 featuring 4,000 dealers from all over the country.

Brimfield

September 5-10

413-283-2418

[www.quaboag.com/antiqueshows.asp](http://www.quaboag.com/antiqueshows.asp)

- **Country Fair and Craft Festival**

Celebrate traditional craftsmanship at this old-fashioned fair with demonstrations of blacksmithing, woodworking, basket weaving and more.

Hancock Shaker Village, Pittsfield

September 30-October 1

413-443-0188

- **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Vineyard Artisans Festival**

Showcasing the best Martha's Vineyard has to offer with pottery, painting, sculpture and more.

West Tisbury

September 2-3

508-693-8989

[www.mvy.com](http://www.mvy.com)

## A FAIR TO REMEMBER

- **Belchertown Fair** September 29-October 1 [www.belchertownfair.com](http://www.belchertownfair.com)
- **Blandford Fair** September 1-4 [www.theblandfordfair.com](http://www.theblandfordfair.com)
- **Bolton Fair** September 23-24 [www.boltonfair.com](http://www.boltonfair.com)
- **Franklin County Fair** September 7-10 [www.fcas.com](http://www.fcas.com)
- **Northampton Fair** September 1-4 [www.3countyfair.com](http://www.3countyfair.com)
- **Spencer Fair** September 1-4 [www.spencerfair.com](http://www.spencerfair.com)
- **Sterling Fair** September 8-10 [www.sterlingfair.com](http://www.sterlingfair.com)